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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants:

1. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 22-30 and 32-46.
2. Rewrite allowable claim 22 as an independent claim, including all the subject matter of independent claim 1 and claim 21 but in reformatted fashion.
3. Amend dependent claim 23 to depend from claim 1 rather than (now) independent claim 22.
4. In view of the rewriting of claim 22 as an independent claim, amend claims 24 – 30 either for dependency upon (now) independent claim 22 or for sake of editorial consistency.
5. Rewrite allowable claim 32 as an independent claim, including all the subject matter of independent claim 12 and claim 31 but in reformatted fashion.
6. Amend dependent claim 33 to depend from claim 12 rather than (now) independent claim 32.
7. In view of the rewriting of claim 32 as an independent claim, amend claims 44 – 40 either for dependency upon (now) independent claim 32 or for sake of editorial consistency.
8. Rewrite allowable claim 41 as an independent claim and amend dependent claims 8 – 11 to depend from (now) allowable independent claim 41, thereby rendering allowable claims 8 – 11 and 41 – 43.

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9. Rewrite allowable claim 44 as an independent claim and amend dependent claim 19 to depend from (now) allowable independent claim 44, thereby rendering allowable claims 19 and 44 – 46.
10. Cancel former independent claims 7 and 18.
11. Amend independent claims 1 and 12.
12. Add new claims 47 – 52.
13. Respectfully traverse all rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 and 31 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,466,556 to Boudreax (see enumerated paragraph 4 of the Office Action). All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed and mooted by, e.g., the current amendments.

Allowable dependent claims 22 and 32 have been rewritten as independent claims, thereby rendering allowable claims 22, 24 – 30, 32, and 34 – 40 (see Remarks §A.2 – §A.4 and §A.5 – §A.7 supra).

Allowable dependent claims 41 and 44 have been rewritten as independent claims, thereby rendering allowable claims 8 – 11, 19, 41 – 43 and 44 – 46 (see Remarks §A.8 and §A.9 supra).

New claims 47 – 52 correspond to amended claims 41 – 46, but have the Iub interface replaced by the Iur interface. New independent claims 47 and 50 specify that the Iur interface is an interface between the first radio network controller (RNC) and the second radio network controller (RNC).

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Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include essentially the argument language complained by the Examiner to be lacking from the claims (see the last paragraph on page 2 and the first paragraph on page 3 of the final Office Action). In particular, independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite further that after the relocation the radio access bearer for the service is linked by the second radio network controller to a same transport channel as was utilized by the first radio network controller for the service prior to the relocation. The amendatory language is amply supported by the original disclosure, including (for example) the first two paragraphs on page 17 of the specification. It appears from the office action that the Examiner understands that the claimed subject matter is not taught or suggested by U.S. Patent 6,466,556 to Boudreaux. Therefore, independent claim 1 and claims 2 – 6, 21, and 23 dependent thereon, as well as independent claim 12 and claims 13 – 17, 20, 31, and 33 dependent thereon, are deemed allowable.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all rejections and allowing the captioned application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application, including but not limited to additional claims fee and the extension of time fee.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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